

HISTORY

INTRODUCTION

The assessment of this subject is based on the History Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-5) jointly prepared by the Curriculum Development Council and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority. Candidates have to refer to the sections on 'Curriculum Framework' and 'Expected Learning Outcomes' in this Guide for the knowledge, understanding, skills and attitudes they are required to demonstrate in the assessment.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the examination are to evaluate candidates':

1. knowledge and understanding of major events and trends of the 20th-century world;
2. ability to recall, evaluate and select knowledge relevant to the context and to deploy it in a clear and coherent form;
3. ability to recognize and make use of the concepts of cause and consequence, continuity and change, similarity and difference;
4. ability to look at events and issues from the perspective of people in the past;
5. ability to interpret and evaluate historical evidence: to extract information from historical sources; to distinguish between fact, opinion and judgment; to detect bias; to draw conclusions based on a comparison of various types of historical sources.

THE EXAMINATION

The examination will consist of one written paper of 2 hours' duration. The paper will comprise Part A and Part B. Candidates will be required to answer questions from both parts.

Description	Weighting in subject	Duration
<p><i>Part A:</i></p> <p>Part A will consist of data-based questions, which will fall within both Themes. All questions will have to be answered. Various types of historical sources will be used, which may include extracts from written sources, statistics, and visual materials such as maps, cartoons and photographs. Candidates are advised to spend approximately 1¼ hours on this part.</p>	62%	2 hours
<p><i>Part B:</i></p> <p>Part B will consist of five essay-type questions, of which candidates may attempt any ONE. The five questions will fall within both Themes. Candidates are advised to spend approximately 45 minutes on this part.</p>	38%	

Note:

There is no School-based Assessment in the examination this year. The written examination will constitute 100% of the subject mark.